

Amendments to the Abstract

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--The invention concerns a faceplate comprising, for each discharge zone, at least two electrode elements having an axis of symmetry Ox and which are adapted such that the surface potential $V(x)$ measured at the dielectric layer surface covering said elements increases, away from the edge of the discharge elements, continuously or discontinuously, without decreasing portion, when a constant potential difference is applied between the two electrodes serving said discharge zone, thereby substantially enhancing the panel luminous efficacy. --